

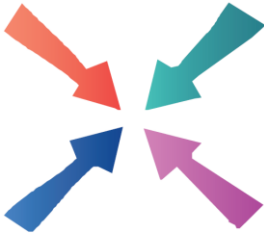


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From the Editor

This month marks the completion of 40 years of Meeting Point, and so we begin our 41st Volume, with a modest change to our logo to bring it into the age of colour.

In this Edition my immediate predecessor, Phyllida Pyper, contributes the last of the articles that I commissioned from past Editors, one from each decade.

I think the four pieces have shown how things have changed, not least in terms of the technical developments that we have all seen. But the articles also make clear what the constant factor has been, namely the strength and vitality of our communities throughout the period.

I echo Phyllida's tribute to the Meeting Point team, including the deliverers who made sure your copy arrived in your home every month for 40 years.

PS Don't forget to try our 40th Birthday Prize Puzzle!

The cover and the coloured version of our logo were specially designed for Meeting Point's 40th Anniversary by Gayle Smith of Motion Printing.

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Funeral of Rev. Roly Bain

On Sunday 21st August Roly's family and old friends, his friends from the village and from the Churches gathered at St Mary's Olveston to say their farewells to our late, much loved and sadly missed Associate Vicar, and to celebrate his life. The Church held a capacity congregation of about 250, plus another sixty or so listening on loudspeakers in the Churchyard. The service was beautiful and sad but with moments of laughter, as Roly would have wished. After the service many retired to the White Hart; we are sure Roly would have approved and was there in spirit.



Portrait of Roly by Angus Macaskill

Roly has gone...Reflections from St Mary's Church

At Roly's funeral seven people spoke about him, each one remarkable, and each one saying something quite different. During the weeks after his death, every one of our preachers and intercessors have spoken powerfully and emotionally. This was how he inspired us. He gave us permission to be free to express ourselves and to put that into actions.

“He made us laugh at ourselves and showed us how to be a more generous people”. Oh how we needed that and still do!

By making a joke of our words or actions, he helped us see how wrong we often are; by making us think about what we spent on ourselves, he encouraged us to understand how much we could give away or share; through his highlighting of the plight of others around us, we are learning to care about each other, as Jesus taught us in the Bible.

Many of you will have been at the funeral and heard what was said. Many more may have read all that has been written about him in the media and the far reaching impact of his unique ministry. These are some more of our reflections from St Mary's about Roly.

“He made God relevant in our everyday lives and creating connections was something he did seemingly with ease”

“Life has to have meaning and he embodied it”

“It was through Roly that I had been able to grasp the ‘mysteries’ (his word) of Christianity”

“But it is quite clear that Roly saw his task, as a Christian leader, not to get us to follow him, but to get us to follow his leader, Jesus Christ.”

“Roly was a one off, his personality and gifts were unique. We, and the whole church (not only in Olveston) are the richer for having known and worked with him”.

Now, we must take his legacy forward and thank God for sending us, albeit all too briefly, a truly remarkable ‘man of God’.

Roly On-line: a footnote

Here are just a selection of the obituaries and appreciations of Roly which you can find on-line. They contain some memorable pictures as well.



<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2016/aug/21/the-rev-roly-bain-obituary>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/08/22/the-reverend-roly-bain-priest-and-clown--obituary/>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/reverend-david-roly-bain-9wcpngxz2>

<http://www.clownsinternational.com/top-news/roly-bain/>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-urged-not-to-forget-pie-throwing-priest-clown>

<http://davidkeen.blogspot.co.uk/2016/08/roly-bain.html>

<http://www.economist.com/news/obituary/21706222-reverend-roly-bain-clown-priest-died-august-11th-aged-62-let-us-play>

<http://britainisnocountryforoldmen.blogspot.co.uk/2016/08/britain-is-no-longer-country-for-and.html>

Roly - A Thank You

Jack and Sam Bain, and Debbie and Bill Harries and family, would like to thank everyone so much for the support and many kind messages of condolences they have received after the untimely death of Roly. He will be so very missed by all in the village and will never be forgotten.

Meeting Point's Fourth Decade

By Phyllida Pyper, Editor 2011 to 2014

One of my predecessors as Editor reflected that in their day the job was offered after close scrutiny by the then MP team. I remember a phone call out of the blue, followed a few days later by a tactful but determined reminder.... Another past Editor Anne Boulton (2001-3) recalls being "daunted by the thought but something I'm really glad I did". I would agree with that. I shall always be grateful to Sharon Lapworth (2009-11) who showed me the ropes and enlisted her teenage son to help with the IT when we both got stuck. Before Sue Hunter's day (2007-9) the magazine was word processed onto special paper and placed in the red book (which was actually a black folder as Trevor Cook, 2005-7, explained to me) and ceremoniously delivered to Nigel Dawes (still in business!) for onward transmission to the printer. Sue still remembers with joy the great day when 'you pressed a button and sent the magazine by email'. On a less technical note, Sue also recalled the edition when Dr Rovert reported a South Glos planning proposal for a footbridge spanning Haw Lane during its lengthy closure for repairs. This caused consternation among those of us MP readers who hadn't noticed the date.

I mention my predecessors (who also include Dinah Spratt, 2003-5, now resident in Tasmania) because 'my' decade is shared, as all the decades have been, among a succession of Editors who each in our own way has carried the magazine forward. Trevor Cook particularly enjoyed interviewing local business people. For my part I am indebted to Pat Thirkettle who interviewed a variety of individuals on behalf of you the readers who seem to have an inexhaustible appetite for reading about someone else. Nowadays you can read all these 'village people' articles and every edition of the magazine from mid-2007 onwards on line at www.olvestonandaust.com and follow the link to community magazine. In February 2013 there were 750 hits on the site (the Editor follows it, you see) of which 20 came from the USA, 20 from Hong Kong, 12 from Australia and 6 from Canada.

During my first year as Editor I unashamedly reproduced articles from The Garden Line 1991-92 by Cecilie Turton, a creative and at the same time eminently practical Littleton gardener. I liked to have a monthly series for the year and her gardening diary was, and is, timeless. Cook's Calendar by



Natasha Harrod (busy mother of three - always on time and on trend) followed in 2013. Pork, chorizo and butter bean casserole (January), broad bean and pea puree ((July), salted caramel apple tart (September) – yum, yum. Flights of Fancy by Trevor Cook appeared throughout 2014. Warblers, swallows, larks were just three of the many locally seen birds Trevor described in careful and illustrated detail each month. Looking back, the sadness is that the photos were not then in colour.

The biggest event of my time was The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, for which preparations and celebrations seemed as extensive at a local level as at a national one. You can read a Jubilee round- up in July 2012 magazine.



2012 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee: the winning entry of the decorated house competition

We had a London 2012 Olympic Games Maker in the local area (interview July 2012) – did they have those in Rio 2016? - and the Olveston & Tockington WI carried a local Olympic torch (photo May 2012). In August and in November 2014 Meeting Point marked the outbreak and historical significance to this area of the First World War. A series of articles by individuals and societies showed how very involved the whole of local society was in this cataclysmic event.

Surprise bonuses were unsolicited contributions from unexpected quarters. To name but a couple: a prescient article from cyclist Jonathan McGee: “at an

international level our newest stars are becoming household names. Sir Bradley Wiggins, Mark Cavendish, Victoria Pendleton and Laura Trott to name but a few. These athletes are role models ...” You read it first in MP in July 2013. Then there was a series of reports from 1st Olveston Scouts, an indomitable group, indefatigably led by Lynda Spratt and her team: “Along our trek we met a live frog which we all crowded around as we checked the map, however when we were about to leave the frog jumped onto my boot. This terrified everyone in my group and we sprinted off into the night as fast as we could, for as long as we could” Thank you Harry Smale for that account of just one memorable scouting experience.

I bring this affectionate snapshot of Meeting Point to a close with a big thank you to the MP committee without whom no Editor could function. I have a special mention for the unsung and totally reliable assistant editor Angela Williams, for Bill Morgan who enlisted me and who retired as chairman in 2012 and for Les Harper who succeeded him and is the present Chairman of a great little enterprise.

New Parish Priest: Progress Report

Philip Rowe

As I reported in the September Meeting Point, the Diocese of Bristol has suggested that a priest is appointed on a 4-year tenure, with responsibility for Olveston, Littleton, Elberton and Aust. Since then good progress has been made by the team from the 5 churches on drawing up Parish Profiles and a combined role description for the new priest that will be used to prepare the advertisement and short list for an interview panel. This has to be with the Bishop by October 10th.

The sad and untimely death of Revd Roly Bain has had a huge effect upon each of us. In this context it has a particularly large impact on ministry leadership in Olveston where Roly's unique legacy must now be built on by a new minister. To strengthen this, St Mary's Parochial Church Council representatives have written to Bristol Diocesan Officials with two requests.

The first asks them to consider a tenure longer than 4 years for the suggested post because of the greater challenge presented by the changed circumstances. This re-consideration is supported by representatives from the other 4 churches.

The second proposes that the new priest, when appointed, should reside in the vicarage in Olveston and so be at the centre of the proposed new group of Northern Severnside parishes.

At the time of writing (September 5th) we are awaiting a response from Diocesan officials. Please contact me with any questions or comments and keep praying.

2016 - a Year of Anniversaries

Exhibition by Olveston Parish Historical Society

at The Parish Hall, Tockington

on Saturday 22nd October 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission Free

1916

The Battle of the Somme,
in which 6 local men died



1926 Olveston United Association Football Club
QAM Pavilion given and opened by
Col. and Mrs. C.E. Turner DSO



1966
Severn Bridge

1966

Olveston Parish Historical Society



Olveston
Methodist Chapel
and Hall, venue
for OPHS
meetings for 50
years

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1996

Second Severn Crossing



..... and more

News from St Mary's

Jo Baxter and Trevor Cook

It's our **Harvest Festival** on **October 2nd** with the Festival Service at 11am, followed by traditional children's games, and then the now customary lunch of roast pork in a roll and crumble. You don't have to come to the service to have the lunch. Lunch is still only £2/£1, but if you can let us know you're coming, that would be helpful. Ring Debbie Harries on 613273. We're collecting tins and imperishables for the Loaves and Fishes Project in Bristol, run by the Sisters of the Church, so please give generously. If you are taking part in the **Fun Run** why not come and join us afterwards for a bit of restorative fare!

On **October 22nd** we welcome **Emma Dipper** from **Release International** who will be preaching at the 10am and 6pm service. Annually thousands of Christians are detained and imprisoned for their faith, some are even martyred. Release International serves the persecuted church around the world in five key ways: showing compassion, serving the Church, sharing God's love, spreading God's word and speaking as God's advocates. Please come along to hear her speak.

Advent Windows. Every year the Advent windows are one of the Christmas highlights of Olveston and Tockington villages. It's a kind of living Advent Calendar and doesn't need to be religious in theme, it can be as simple or as intricate as you like though it does need to be seen! It's a lovely thing to do and a great opportunity to get your children involved in (and stops them asking when you're putting the Christmas decorations up!). There are a fair number signed up already so please contact Debbie Harries on 613273 or email oboe-debbie@live.co.uk if you'd like to do an Advent Window this year.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

- August 19th: Wedding at St Mary's of George Angus Rainford and Rachel Lucy Osborne.
- August 21st: Funeral service at St Mary's of Rev David Roualeyn Findlater Bain (Roly).
- August 28th: Baptism at St Mary's of Evie Jayne Elizabeth, daughter of Steven Pocock and Natalie Harrison.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Whale Wharf

The planners have either refused or objected to the proposals made by the owner of Whale Wharf to create 30 dwellings out of existing buildings. The stated reasons were first, on traffic grounds, that the applicant should submit a proper evaluation of the likely impact of any development on traffic movements; and secondly, that the flood risks were such as to make it inappropriate. This latter part is based on the view of the Environment Agency. The previous permission – for use as an educational adventure camp – had conditions requiring the site to be vacated when there was likely to be a high tide. The council said that it would be unreasonable to require residents in these homes to vacate the site several times a year for several days at a time.

The applicant tried to get to a further extension of time so that he could discuss with the EA the possibility of a permission for holiday use only, with similar flood conditions to the existing permission. The council refused to agree and suggested that the applicant could put in a further application if he was able to reach an agreement with the EA.

We can expect some more proposals soon, no doubt.

Telephone boxes

BT is about to launch a consultation on the removal of telephone service from call boxes. It is likely that they will list the boxes in Elberton (which doesn't have service at the moment) and Littleton for closure. I will make sure that if and when the proposals are made, they will be noted on the Council's pages of the website.

Community Engagement Forum

This is the relaunched Stronger Safer Communities forum. It covers Thornbury and local villages including the whole of Aust parish. South Gloucestershire Councillors and Parish Councillors attend, as do police and other service representatives. Residents are welcome to come to raise issues of local interest or concern. Details of meetings and minutes can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/CEF. The next meeting will be on 12th October at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury

Severn Tunnel

As part of the electrification of the London to Bristol and South Wales railway, the Severn Tunnel will be closed in both directions from 12 September to 21 October. There will be replacement buses between Newport and Parkway and Temple Meads. There will still be London trains leaving Parkway, but I think it will be an hourly service, with a half hourly service requiring a change at Temple Meads.

OPAGA

(Olveston Parish Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association)

Annual General Meeting and Social Evening

The Association will be holding its AGM, and the accompanying social evening, on **4th November 2016 at Olveston Parish Hall, Tockington.** **Doors Open 7:00pm** for drinks and refreshments, **AGM at 7:30pm.**

After a short break to replenish glasses and plates, the **Social Evening starts at approx. 8:15pm.** There will be a **Fun Vegetable Gardening Quiz.** Guests will be welcome

Want an allotment?

There are immediate vacancies available for anyone wishing to take on a plot. Applications with contact details should be made to the Chairman Brian Arkell, Treasurer Brian Brown, Secretary Elaine Marsh or any of the Committee. Applications may also be made by e-mail at **olvestonallotments@gmail.com**

Arrangements can be made for you to see the allotments if you would like to do so.

Road Racers?

Matthew Eagles

I would like to raise the local issue of irresponsible drivers in the area. While the majority of local drivers act with intelligence and consideration, there is a significant number who seem to think that the narrow country roads in this area are a racetrack for their own personal benefit, without any respect for other road users. This evening I tried riding a bicycle around the area for the first time. When I was younger I rode my bike in Ribble Valley, Lancashire, for 15 years without once encountering a bad driver. But today, just half a mile after setting off, in the middle of Tockington, a couple of young lads in a black Audi thought it would be funny to try and knock me off my bike. When I protested (politely), they sounded their horn at me. If this is what cyclists have to put up with, I will stick to driving, although from my experiences behind the wheel I know this is also far from being stress-free. Does anyone else feel that this area needs to be reclaimed from boy (and girl) racers?

Murder Mystery at St Mary's

By popular demand, there will be another murder mystery evening at **St Mary's Church, Olveston on Saturday 29 October.** 'The Bridge Party at Bletchley Park' will commence at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00, there will be a licensed bar with nibbles and tickets cost £6, available by phoning 617491 or 612850.

Movies at St Mary's: Oct

Trevor Anderson

Roly: We began our September Movie Club meeting by taking a few moments to remember Rev Roly Bain who had died a few weeks earlier. Roly was a founder member of St Mary's Movie Club, a tireless supporter of all that we did and an inspiration to all who were involved. He is, and will continue to be, greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Autumn Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at **St Mary's Olveston**. Our Autumn Programme has now been published and features EIGHT terrific films from October – December. Movie Club members will already have received theirs by email and paper copies are available to pick up from just inside the church door.

Brief details of our October films are given below. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a Movie Club member) and there is no need to book. Admission is free, although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always welcomed and appreciated.

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and ever-popular classics*)

Mon 3rd Oct at 7.30pm: During a manned mission to Mars, astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But he has survived... (2015, Cert 12)

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*'Non-mainstream' films and historic classics*)

Mon 17th Oct at 7.30pm: A Yorkshire pit faces closure but the local colliery band led by Danny (Pete Postlethwaite) still wants to compete for 'band of the year' at the National Championships. (1996, Cert 15)

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Every Monday morning in the school hols*)

Mon 24th Oct at 10.00am: This much requested movie is about a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. (2001, Cert PG)

Doors open 30 minutes before start. Refreshments available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn and soft drinks in the mornings.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.

Olveston Parish Historical Society's 2016/17 season

Here's what's in store for the new season... Everyone welcome – open to all – just turn up!

Wed. 5th Oct. 2016

A short AGM (half an hour), followed by Rose Hewlett talking about [Living on the Edge: Farming & Fishing Communities along the Upper Severn Estuary from Roman Times to the Present Day](#).

Wed. 2nd November 2016

In this month of remembrance, Dr Fiona Reid will share her research on: [Shell Shock, Treatment and Recovery in Britain, 1914 – 1930](#). We're familiar with images of shell-shocked men during the war. What happened afterwards?

Wed. 7th December 2016

Pat Hase will recount tales of [Transported Women](#), female convicts from the West Country who were shipped off to Australia.

Wed. 4th January 2017

Roger Howell will tell us about Thornbury Archaeology Group's [Excavations at Lower Hazel](#), where they think they've found the royal Norman hunting lodge at the heart of Olveston's deer park, described in John Adnams' talk in March.

Wed. 1st February 2017

Did you enjoy 'Wolf Hall' and 'Bring Up the Bodies'? In [Sir Ralph Sadler - or How to Survive the Tudors without Losing Your Head](#), retired BBC producer Keith Sheather will tell us how Thomas Cromwell's young protégé worked his way up the bureaucratic ladder of Tudor England to become one of the country's richest landowners (with estates which included the manor of Olveston) and survived four reigns without losing his head.

Wed. 1st March 2017

Jenny Murray Band, who worked with the Royal Collection tapestries and was awarded the MVO in 1987 for her work in and after the Hampton Court fire, will be telling us about [The Cultural Significance of the Bed in Early Modern Europe](#). Find out what she finds so intriguing about beds!

Wed. 5th April 2017

Andrew Swift's talk will transport us along [The Severn Beach Railway Line](#), once rated by Thomas Cook as one of Europe's top scenic railway routes.

VENUE: Olveston Methodist Church TIME: 7.30 pm.

Annual membership rate: will be decided at the AGM – just £5 last year! You can pay on the night. It's also possible to pay for **a single meeting**.

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

Website: <http://www.olveston.com/historical-society>

Living on the Edge

Olveston Parish Historical Society - all welcome.

Wednesday, 5 October 2016, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church



Photo Credit: Peter Haworth

Several of our audience members will know something about living by the Severn, with its great tidal reach and treacherous waters, hard to navigate and prone to flooding.

Our October speaker Rose Hewlett has studied how life was lived by this river over the centuries. She'll tell us what she has discovered in '**Living on the Edge: Farming and Fishing Communities**

along the Upper Severn Estuary from Roman Times to the Present-Day'.

After her talk, she will try to answer everyone's questions and will be very interested to hear our local experiences.

Open to all. A brief AGM will precede the talk – and decide the annual membership fee. £2 to attend a single meeting.

www.olveston.com/historical-society

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 8th September 2016 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	355	Mr P Savage, Olveston
£75	474	Mr C Malpus, Alveston
£25	587	Mr D Jeckells, Olveston
£25	416	Mrs J Hawkins, Alveston
£25	421	Mr R Bush, Westbury-on-Trym
£20	276	Mrs L Evans, Alveston
£20	398	Mrs G Crossley, Olveston
£20	181	Mr J Hitchcock, Olveston
£10	485	Mrs S Lyons, Ingst
£10	500	Mrs P King, Olveston
£10	251	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£10	544	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£10	361	Mr T Roper, Fernhill

If you are not yet a member and wish to join the lottery please telephone Andy Phillips on 01454 614890.

Olveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers
(clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)



Over the years, the Parish Councillors and I have worked with **Roly Bain** on several projects and it was with great sadness that we heard the news of his death. He will be greatly missed.

The recent Parish Matters article concerning the **Old Down play area** has elicited a very good response and a number of parishioners are to set up a project team to identify the requirements for renovations and its future development. If you would also like to be involved please contact the Clerk.

Councillors have recently met with the subgroups set up by the **Olveston Parish Steering Group** to listen to their reports concerning a 'a Cemetery provision', 'Housing', 'Mechanisms for implementation', 'Traffic & Parking', 'Communications' and 'Retail Services'. The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents involved and are now to review their findings, conclusions and recommendations.

As can be seen above, there are a lot of parishioners supporting our work, but there is still a **vacancy** on Olveston Parish Council, so please contact the Clerk if you wish to apply or would like further information.

'**Trick or treat**' is fun for the young, but stay safe and please remember and respect those residents who don't wish to be disturbed at Halloween. The police have a good site both for the young to keep safe and for those not wishing to be disturbed -

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/newsroom/features/stay-safe-this-halloween/>

Daldry Gardens communion services

On the first Wednesday of each month (except August) a Holy Communion service is held in Daldry Gardens Communal Lounge at 2.30pm. We would love to welcome YOU to the simple service, conducted by June Robbins, followed by tea and biscuits (and sometimes homemade cake). This is a real oasis in a busy month!

40th Anniversary Prize Puzzle

Jan Winter

1976 sums

This month is the 40th Birthday of Meeting Point, which first appeared in 1976. The challenge in the Prize Puzzle is to use the digits 1, 9, 7, 6 to make sums that give all the answers between 1 and 20. For example, an easy one to start things off: $1 + 7 + 6 - 9 = 5$.

The rules are:

- You must use all four digits in each sum and you cannot use any other digits (so, for example you cannot use 6^2 as part of your sum because it uses a 2 that you don't have)
- You cannot make a number by putting two digits together, e.g. $16 - 7 - 9$
- You can use any of $+$ $-$ \times \div $()$ and $\sqrt{\quad}$ (square root) as many times as you need in each sum

Hint: it's probably easier to see what numbers you can make rather than trying to do them in order starting from 1.

At the time of writing there is one answer I can't make, so an extra challenge would be to try using extra mathematical symbols to make this last answer, but still with only the same four digits.

The Editor will award a £10 prize for the answer closest to a complete solution received after the 1st October. If two identical answers are received, the first one received will win. Send your answer to meetingpointeditor@gmail.com giving your age.

Solution to September puzzle

Because any date in this century will be in a year beginning 20, a palindromic date must be dd 02 20yy, so the only palindromic dates will be in February. In fact, there will be one for every day in February, each in a different year. So the total number of palindromic dates this century will be 29. The next one will be 02 02 2020 or 2nd February 2020. The very last one is special because 29 02 2092 is a leap year day (of course if 2092 were not a leap year this date would not happen at all). I wonder how many readers will be around to see it?



Fest Noz*

Friday October 7th 6pm– 10pm, Olveston School Hall

A **Fest Noz is a Breton traditional night festival, with dancing in groups and live musicians playing acoustic instruments.*

Olveston Parish Twinning Association would like to invite you to its special Autumn event this year which, as in 2016, is being run in association with – and sharing profits with – Olveston School.

We are offering a family event which is a celebration of the food, drink, music and games of both Olveston and our twin village of Brehan, in Brittany. There will be music from local band Ride the Edge as well as dancing to traditional Breton tunes. A light supper with delicacies reflecting English and Breton produce is included in the entrance price and there will be a bar serving local ale, ciders from Gloucestershire and Brittany and French wine.

Apple pressing will be on offer again so bring along any spare apples from your garden and bottles if you would like to take some away.

Adults £5 Children £2.50

Please secure tickets in advance by contacting Lucy Shrimpton:
lucyshrimpton@talktalk.net / 07752 942284.

1st Olveston Scouts

Dates for your diary!

- Saturday 1st October – Line of coins
- Monday 10th October – AGM & Demonstration evening

Feel like helping?

We are always looking for individuals to help with the group. If anybody is interested feel free to contact Tony Heming on: tony@tonyheming.co.uk or approach any of the leaders who would be more than happy to help.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners September 2016:

£50	Simon Walker
£15	Jon Pullin
£5	Barry Reeves

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winner:

27/08/16 Simon Davis

A refugee's journey

For One World Week, the Thornbury Make Poverty History group have organised a thought-provoking event to be held at the Chantry on **Saturday 22nd October, 10am – 12pm**. Borderlands Bristol will be leading a workshop to give us ideas about how to best support refugees through stories and discussion.

Borderlands Bristol works especially with refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK. They support people who have been trafficked and trapped in domestic service or the sex industry. They are a charity who support disadvantaged and excluded people to improve their lives and the community in which they live; people who face great challenges and live difficult lives. Borderlands offers hope to people who may see themselves as lost or abandoned and need support to find a way forward. They believe that giving someone a little hope when times are hard for them can make a great deal of difference.

If you are interested in refugees then this event will be well worth your time and everyone would be very welcome. The event is free but donations are invited on the day. For more information please contact Debs Brazier 418176 or just come along.

St Peter's Hospice Sevenside Support Group



Golf Day

A four ball Stableford competition will be held by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre on **Friday 7th October**. Team entries are invited for a team of four at £130.00 per team. Hot buffet following the Golf, and excellent prizes. For further information please ring 01454 417543, thank you. All profits to St Peter's, your local Hospice, please come along and join us.

Tea and Cake

Also, St Peter's Hospice Sevenside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea and Cake in **Rockhampton Village Hall on Sunday 16th October at 2.30p.m.** Home-made cake stall, Books, Crafts and Raffle. Entrance £2.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

Litter pick

The next litter pick will be on **Saturday 1st October**. Please meet in the Parish Hall in Tockington at 1pm.

Autumn activities from AFL



The autumn is a great time to get involved in conserving, restoring, and exploring your local natural and cultural heritage – learn something new about wildlife or your community’s past! All our events, several of which are part of the Discover South Glos Festival, are FREE. For more information on any of our events, and to book your place, please go to www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved/events_

1607: The Great Severn Estuary Flood. Talk by Rose Hewlett Tuesday 4th October, 7:30pm, Kings Weston House

The flood of 1607 is generally acknowledged to have been the greatest natural disaster to affect communities along the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary. The enduring images from the pamphlets of the day ensure that it is remembered more than 400 years later, and its cause is still being debated. Was it a tsunami? Was it a storm surge?



Oral History Day – Tales of the Vale remembers... Wednesday 5th October, 10:30 – 12:30, Thornbury Library

Come along to Thornbury Library for a special event to share stories, tell tales, and reminisce over photographs of A Forgotten Landscape. Bring along any photos or clippings you’d like to share. Our volunteer oral history collectors will share the stories from local people they’ve collected so far. Are other people’s memories of living and working in the Lower Severn Vale Levels the same as yours?

A Parish Walk with Rod Williams Saturday 8th Oct, 1 – 3:30, Olveston

Rod Williams of the Olveston Parish Footpaths Group will take you on a journey through the history and beauty of Olveston village on foot. The 2.5 mile walk will begin at the White Hart pub and circle back to the village (optional second walk for the



energetic!). Come along to stretch your legs, meet new people, and discover local walking routes. Beginners welcome.

Family Bird Watching with Rupert Higgins Mon 24th October, 1:30 -4:30, Pilning

Come witness the great migrations along the Severn with Rupert Higgins, naturalist. Learn how to use binoculars identify a range of birds and generally enjoy a wild day out along the River. For children **aged 8+** accompanied by their parent/guardian. Meet in Pilning for an introduction to bird watching and then off to the River Severn to see the birds.



Autumnal Walk & Play Wed 26th October, 10 – 12:30, Olveston

Do you like to hear the crunch of fallen leaves under your feet, and spot the changing colours in the trees? Come along to this autumn half-term family-friendly walk to explore Olveston village at this beautiful time of year. Join professional walking coach Helen Richardson on a 2.5 mile journey around the village, including regular stops at local play areas!

Free Flu Jabs for carers!

If you are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill, you qualify for a free flu jab. This service is open to all unpaid carers including those who receive carer's allowance. Flu jabs are now available at many community pharmacies as well as through your doctor's surgery. For information about other support services for carers contact Carers Support Centre.

CarersLine: 0117 965 2299

carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

Octopus present 'A Melodramatic Evening with Sherlock Holmes'

Accompany us to the depths of Dartmoor; to the wild, fog-ridden and treacherous Grimpen Mire, as Holmes and Watson attempt to unravel the mystery of the 'Curse of the Baskervilles'. Why, for centuries, has a fiendish hound haunted the Baskerville family? Who is the elusive L.L? What is the meaning of the cryptic warning note sent to Sir Henry Baskerville - and can Sherlock Holmes prevent the hound from striking again?

Performances Wednesday 5th - Saturday 8th October 7:30 at Christ the King Hall, Thornbury.

Tickets (£7, £6 concessions) are available from RA Bennetts Estate Agents on The Plain or Karen on 01454 413783.

All proceeds from the show will go to 'Holding out Hope,' a charity supporting children and adults living in Eastern European institutions and 'Life Skills,' a Bristol charity teaching children to keep safe through unique theatrical scenarios which provide a realistic learning environment.

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee

The Cancer Research UK Autumn Fair is being held at St. Helen's Primary School, Greenhill Road, Alveston BS35 2QX on **Saturday October 15th, from 10am to 1pm**. Entry £3 and includes coffee/tea and cake.

Drop in and get your Christmas presents early! We will have an abundance of home produce (e.g., jams, chutneys, marmalades, cakes etc.) jewellery, craft items, Christmas cards, books and a whole lot more.

All proceeds go to Cancer Research UK to help us beat cancer!

For further information, please contact Pam on 01454 416941 or Jennie on 01454 415856.

'The Wizard of Oz'

Here's a great recipe for a half term outing. Take one pinch of Dorothy and Toto, add a drizzle of Scarecrow, whip up a Tinman, fold in a Lion then glaze with a good and bad Witch, add a dusting of Wizard and bake to perfection ... and there you have it! An all-round family entertainment show in the form of "The Wizard of Oz". This colourful fantasy musical is a timeless classic with a moral twist and will be performed by the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury from **Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 October at 7.30 pm including matinées on the Friday and Saturday at 2.30 pm**.

Adult tickets £12.50, concessions £10.50, and a family ticket for 4 is £38. On opening night all tickets will be on a 3 for 2 basis. Group discounts of 10% can also be arranged via our Box Office for 10+ seats. For ticket enquiries, please call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets are bookable on-line at www.tmtg.org.uk and are also be available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Ashford The Oasis Church, Old Down

“Is switching off a Biblical principle?”

I am starting this article in the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. If there is ever a place where the electronic gadgets of the world are centre-stage it's Hong Kong. Indeed, all of South East Asia seems to be taken up with the devices: it is not uncommon to see a group of 8 under-25s out for dinner, all with their heads down looking at screens. There seems to be no conversation unless they are messaging each other across the table. I am reliably informed by our offspring that the pace of change is so fast now that 25 year olds struggle to keep up with their 16 year-old counterparts. Of course, my knowledge is positively pre-historic in that context, but what are we to make of all this?

In the business world, I see folk being 'driven' by their devices. Indeed, I may be one of them at times! Communication is so easy, and responses are now anticipated so quickly, that there is no respite. This is even more demanding in organisations that are global in reach, since time zones are now no barrier to expectation. Even outside work, people are habitually living their lives in the virtual world of Facebook or equivalent. Indeed, we seem to be bombarded by information on our friends that we haven't sought and wouldn't dream of asking about. Yet we feel morally obliged to take it in, lest we are considered to have ignored them when we next meet. The net effect is that those who are the victims have no actual rest. It's not a good confession for an environmental consultant, but I prefer driving to travelling by train, simply because, when driving, I can actually justify thinking rather than reading or doing. The car becomes an escape – apart from the odd phone call (hands-free, of course!).

The toll that all this takes on our lives is larger than we think. Increasingly, workers are now needing to take longer times of work before they can really wind down. The collective slowdown in August and December is more palpable than it ever used to be. However, it then takes the same people around three weeks to resurface after those breaks while they wade through 1000s of e-mails that have arrived while they were off. The only alternative strategy (guilty as charged!) is to never turn off completely, but to operate at reduced levels for a period. However, even that takes 4-5 hours per day.

Long before electricity arrived on the scene to spawn all these devices, the Bible set out some significant principles that we might do well to heed today. The first we still know as the Sabbath, or day of rest, once per week. This was not established for God's well-being but for ours. Second, there is the fallow year (typically the seventh) where the land is allowed to rest and recuperate. However, the one I like the best is the year of Jubilee, once every fifty years, which provide for the return of all possessions to their rightful owner. This might do something to re-set our relationship with our gadgets and realise that the biggest gift we have in life is time.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 2	8am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival with Choir No Service	Rev Philip Rowe E Mead & Rev P Rowe
Oct 9	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Mrs Janet McBride Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 16	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Back to Front Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev Philip Rowe Paul Harrod Trevor Cook
Oct 23	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd Mrs J McBride & E Dipper T Cook & Emma Dipper
Oct 30	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion (BCP) with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd Trevor Cook Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk

.Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 9	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev Ann Parker
Oct 23	5.30	Evening Service	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 2	9am	Morning Prayer	T.B.A.
Oct 16	9am	Holy Communion	Canon Robert Bull

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 9	9am	Morning Prayer	Sandra Edgerton
Oct 23	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 2	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
	6pm	Tock. Ch.	Evening Worship led by Rev Pete Brazier
Oct 9	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
Oct 16	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Andrew Dixon
Oct 23	10am	Olv Ch..	Morning Worship led by Rev Dr John Emmett
Oct 30	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 12th Oct.
To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs
20th Oct. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall.
Sat 1st October will be the annual 'Line of Coins'

PRAYER MEETING Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olv. Methodist Church.

HOUSE GROUP One led by Rev Sandy Williams on Tues 11th Oct at 6 Manor
Close, Tockington and another on Thurs 20th Oct at 10.30 at 7 The Green,
Olveston

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall
Monday 2-4pm Wednesday 10-12 Friday 7-9pm
Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,
e-mail pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer & conversational
Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and
Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check
our Notice Board or contact .

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 2	6.30pm	Lyll Drewit
Oct 9	6.30pm	Munir Din
Oct 16	6.30pm	Tony Ward
Oct 23	6.30pm	Vision of Hope
Oct 30	6.30pm	Martin Taylor

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043

Paul Ashford, 07774 110 814 or **email: Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact **Ann Roberts** 632564.

e-mail ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm for details tel. 413247

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223 **www.ctlk-thornbury.org.uk**

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry, Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. Children welcome with prior notice.

Local contact: Roger Howell **rog3er2@gmail.com** 01454 415035

National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: **www.bristolquakers.org.uk**

Diary Dates for October 2016

The information given below is believed to be correct as we go to press.

1 st Sat	Flu clinic (Alm Surgery patients) Scouts 'Line of Coins' Bakers to Stores Coffee Morning Litter Pick	9.00-12.00 9.00am 10.30-12.00 1.00pm	OSH MH PH
2 nd Sun	Olveston School Fun Run Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	10.00am 7.00pm	
3 rd Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2.00-4.00 7.30pm	MH StM
4 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L.(Wms Sect) A.G.M.	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
5 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis OPHS 'Living on the Edge'	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL PH OMC
6 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop	9am-1pm 9.00-12.00	OS†
7 th Fri	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week OPTA/Olveston School 'Fest Noz'	1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm 6.00-10.00	Chy MH OS
8 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Walk, from White Hart Olveston Parish Supper	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 1.00-3.30pm 7.30pm	AVH MH PH
9 th Sun	Zumbathon Charity Event	10.00-1.00pm	AH
10 th Mon			
11 th Tue	Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning W.I. Making Wire Bracelets Aust Parish Council	10.15-11.45 10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	TMH DGCL PH EVH
12 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS†
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
16 th Sun			
17 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
18 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L.(Women's Sect) Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL

19 th Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Bosom Buddies Talk at Swan Thornbury Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	OS† PH
20 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1.00 9.00-12.00	OS†
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
24 th Mon	Children's Movie	10.00am	StM
25 th Tue	Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council	10.15-11.45 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	TMH DGCL AP
26 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Parish Council meeting	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	OS† AP
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning Murder Mystery Evening	9.00-12.00 7.30pm	OS† StM
30 th Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head British Summer Time ends	7.30pm	

Looking ahead to November

4th	OPAGA (Allotments) AGM & Social Evening	7.00pm	PH
13th	Remembrance Sunday		

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alv Meth. Ch.; **AMH**- Alv Meth. Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; ; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry ; **CS** Castle Sch. CTK Christ the King **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton Village Hall **MH** – Olv. Meth. Hall; **OMC** Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olv. School; **OST** – Olv. Stores; **OSH** Old Sch. Hall Alm; **PH** – Olv Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **StMT** St Mary's Thorn **TCh** Tock Chapel; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; **WR** – Wesley Rooms. **URC** United Reform Ch Th

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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